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1. FOLLOWING IS RESPONSE TO ROBERT J. MARTENS' JULY 8 LETTER
TO AMBASSADOR WHITEHOUSE.

2. SCR/76/D-32. PROGRESS REPORT ON PHASE OUT OF SEATO WAS
NOTED BY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON JULY 7. ANNEX A, PARAGRAPH
2(F) STATES QUOTE REGARDING A POSSIBLE TWENTY-FIRST MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS LATER THIS YEAR, THE CONSENSUS IS
THAT SUCH A SESSION DOES NOT APPEAR NECESSARY IN THE ABSENCE
OF ANY PROBLEMS WHICH WOULD CALL FOR THE ATTENTION AND DECISION
OF MINISTERS AND SINCE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES IN BANGKOK ARE IN
A POSITION TO DISPOSE OF ANY MATTERS WHICH MAY ARISE IN THE NORMAL
COURSE OF EVENTS UNQUOTE.

3. IN PWG MEETINGS PRIOR TO THE PREPARATION OF THIS PROGRESS
REPORT, THE THAI AND PHILIPPINE MEMBERS REPORTED THEIR RESPECTIVE
GOVERNMENT'S VIEW THAT THERE WAS NO NEED FOR THE COUNCIL OF
MINISTERS TO MEET. WHEREUPON, ALL PWG MEMBERS AGREED THAT, IN
THE ABSENCE OF ANY COMPELLING REASON, THERE WAS NO REQUIREMENT
FOR A TWENTY-FIRST MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

4. EMBASSY BELIEVES THERE IS NO LIKELIHOOD OF A SEATO MEETING
IN NEW YORK THIS FALL.
WHITEHOUSE

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